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October 28, 1951.

Memorandum.

To: []

From: []

Subject: Split in the Prochala's Movement.

1/ By my 195. Memorandum, dated October 21, 1951, accompanying our both pictorial schemes of recent Czechoslovak political history, publications and radio activities, as well as on many previous occasions, I gave you a lot of dates about the line and the background of General Prochala.

2/ Just in time when our charts have been being put together, the political movement of General Prochala split into two separate controversial groups:

Bohemia, the Munich paper of Prochala's group in Germany, announced that there was impossible to follow the line and the instructions of incompetent, undemocratic and programless headquarters in London. Therefore a separate new Association of Czech Democratic Federalists was established....

On the contrary, Český boj /The Czech Fight/, the London paper just of those headquarters, announced that the Munich group followed anti-democratic tendencies and that it tried, in fact, to revive the political line of the ill-famed Vlajka /The Flag/ Movement .../ a commonly hated and despised small Czech pro-Nazi group which had exercised its activities during the German occupation of Bohemia and Moravia in 1939-1945/

3/ The sense of this split seems to be rather obvious:

Prochala, in any way, is a man of certain popularity and of a relatively good record from the war times.

On the contrary, his adherents, concentrated mostly just in Germany, are often either half-Germans, or, at least, Czechs married with Germans, then persons sentenced already in the period of 1945-1948, or, at least, prosecuted, for war crimes committed during the Nazi rule in Czechoslovakia, former individual volunteers who had enlisted for the German Army in 1939-1945, etc., than means all of them persons excluded in some way from the community of real democratic refugees. In any case, Prochala's people in Germany have

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been always accessible to all claims and demands, as they have been expressed and required by former, often openly pro-Nazi, leaders of the Sudeten-Germans transferred from Czechoslovakia after 1945. I tried to elucidate this problem already in my 112. Memorandum, dated May 14, 1951. Now it seems that Prohala himself is no more able to approve of the clearly German-lieble political line of his followers grouped around the evidently German-paid Munich monthly Bohemia. The leader of this strictly pro-German line is Pekelský /editor of Bohemia/.

